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Star Wars Update

Action Figure Design Contest Winners



THE TICK

Good Doers



Sewer Urchin Human Bullet Arthur The Tick Man-Eating Cow Die Fledermaus

Evil Doers

Six-inch Tick figures are scheduled for release in early January, 1995.



Dinosaur Neil



Dyna-Mole



Dean



El Seed



Tick Wacky Wind-ups (Spring '95)

GARGOYLES

A thousand years ago, a Scottish castle was blessed with gargoyles that came alive at night to protect it and the surrounding countryside from raiding Vikings.

Recently this castle was purchased by a businessman, moved to New York City, and placed atop his skyscraper. Every night, the faithful guardians still come to life to keep the area safe and peaceful.



Goliath, leader of the Gargoyles.

Gargoyles made its debut with a five-part story during the week of October 24-28. The show is now part of The Disney Afternoon's *Action Friday* concept, preempting *Bonkers*.

The initial Kenner figure line consists of nine hero and four villain figures, including Goliath, Broadway, Brooklyn, Lexington, Hudson, and Demona. A "Rippin' Rider Cycle" is also planned.

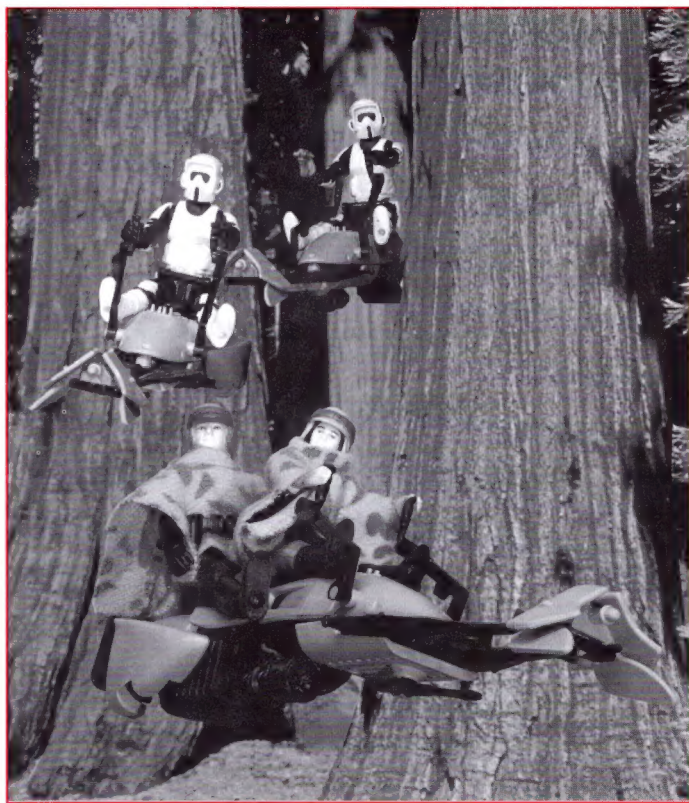
In This Issue...

This issue *AFD* zooms past the 10,000 copies sold per issue mark. We won't know exactly how far until newsstand results are in, but we want to thank all our new and old customers from whom *AFD*'s success comes.

Our best way to express our thanks is with bigger and more exciting issues...and this one is *killer*. *AFD* #20 is loaded with new product announcements, the results of our Action Figure Design Contest, the first of our new *Star Wars Update* features, and exclusive photos of Tomart's most recent trip to Skywalker Ranch, where we attended the *Star Wars* Summit.

Our London correspondent Brian Doyle made a spectacular *Aliens* find in England. Ralph Lopez has another great *Variation Hunter* column. Plus, still more color photos from the G.I. Joe 30th Anniversary Salute Convention appear as promised last issue.

Best of all you can win one of *more than 50* great prizes simply by voting for your choice for Figure of the Year. See pages 14-15 for details.



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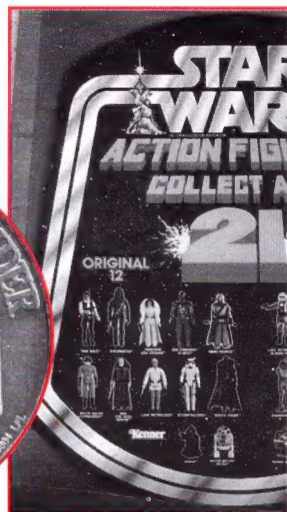
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Mummy - Telco 15" small Motionette - MIB50
Bride of Frankenstein - Telco 15" small Motionette - MIB50
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MOC55
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Ben, Vader (12 back)125@
C-3PO, R2-D2 (12 bk)110@
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C-3PO (20 back)75
Snaggletooth (20 bk)85
Luke (12 back)345
Jawa (12 back) (bubble pushed in some)75

Star Wars Large Size Action Figures - each MIB

Stormtrooper240
Jawa195

Star Wars - Vehicles & Accessories - each MIB

(Original) Tie Fighter175

Star Wars - Japanese 12 Back

U.S. Card w/Japanese Sticker on Front

C-3PO (head, torso & arms molded differently
than U.S. version)95
Darth Vader125

Empire Strikes Back

R2-D2 (sensorscope - cd NM-Mt)30
R2-D2 (original cd NM-Mt)65
Boba Fett (w/21 bk)150

Return of the Jedi

Prune Face (prtr), Prune Face (cd warp), Ree-Yees (sh wr), Weequay (bub
cr - yellowed), Gamorrean
Guard (bub cracked, cd creased), Gamorrean
Guard (cd warp - prtr on bk)8@
Prune Face (cd cr), AT-ST Driver (sh wr), Teebo (sh wr),
Ree-Yees, Gen. Madine (sh wr)10@
Gamorrean Guard (slight crease), Chief Chirpa12@
Prune Face, AT-ST Dr., Nikto, Teebo, 2-1B (bub cr),
4-LOM, Gamorrean Guard15@
Leia (poncho - cd warped), Klatu (sk), Weequay, Squid
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Commando, R2-D2 (sensorscope - cd NM-Mt)22@
Lando (skiff), Leia (poncho), C-3PO (rem limbs),
Ugnaught (cd top torn), Wicket, Lumat, Vader
(1st cd front - cd NM-Mt)25@
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Boba Fett75
Luke (original)185

Return of the Jedi (Palitoy)

Gen. Madine (sh wr), Ree-Yees, Klatu, Chief Chirpa10@
Bib Fortuna, AT-AT Driver, Squid Head, Weequay, Adm. Ackbar, Gen.
Madine15@
Bespin Security Guard (white) C-3PO (rem limbs), Logray, Rebel
Commando, Emp. Royal Guard20@
Walrus Man, Han (Hoth)35@
Darth Vader25

Return of the Jedi (Tri-Logo)

Prune Face, Ree-Yees, Klatu, Rebel Commander (bub cr)10@
AT-AT Driver, Chief Chirpa, B-Wing Pilot, Teebo12@
Bib Fortuna, Squid Head, Nikto, Weequay, AT-ST Driver15@

Emp. Royal Guard18
2-1B, 8D820@
Lumat, Boushh25@
Imp. Dignitary, Anakin, Stormtrooper35@
Luke (Jedi)40
Han (Bespin)50
Leia (Bespin)65
Han (original)95
Yak Face (slightly opened before)175
Yak Face195

Return of the Jedi - Vehicles & Accessories - each MIB

C-3PO Carrying Case45@
Jabba Dungeon (1st issue, Klatu, 8D8, Nikto)75

Power of the Force

B-Wing Pilot15
Romba (NM-Mt cd)25
Warok (NM-Mt cd)30
Imp. Dignitary45
C-3PO (rem limbs) (NM-Mt cd), Barada (NM-Mt cd)50@
Biker Scout, EV-9D9 (NM-Mt cd)65@
Leia (poncho)85
Amanaman (NM-Mt cd)125
Luke (Jedi)195
Luke (poncho) (NM-Mt cd)95

Star Wars Figures - NM-Mt & Complete - no pkgs

Prune Face (MIP), C-3PO (rem limbs-MIP), Emp. Royal Guard (Mt), B-
Wing Pilot (MIP), 4-LOM (no gun), Luke (Hoth - no gun)5@
2-1B, Zuckuss, Bib Fortuna6@

Star Wars - Misc. Toys - each MIB

Micro Tie Fighter60
Droids - red Lightsaber, no box, missing hook135

Battlestar Galactica - 3 3/4" Figures - each MOC

Starbuck, Cylon35@
Boray75
Lucifer, Baltar, Gold Cylon Commander85@

Mego Star Trek - each MIB or MOC

12" Klingon100
8" Capt. Kirk, 8" Mr. Spock30@
8" Klingon40
8" Gorn - Mint complete - no pkg95
8" Cheron - NM, complete - no pkg85
3-3/4" Aliens: Rigellian, Zaranite, Klingon - MOC150@
3-3/4" Arcturian - MOC165
3-3/4" Betelgeusian - MOC225
3-3/4" Megarite - MOC275

Star Trek - The Motion Picture

Mego 3-3/4" - each MOC

Ilia (sh wr)10
Klingon (Italian cd), Rigellian (Canadian cd)150@
Zaranite (US cd bub bottom cracked)150
Zaranite (Canadian cd)165
Arcturian (Italian cd)165
Betelgeusian (Italian cd)225
Megarite (Italian cd)275

Mego 8" Super Heroes - MIB

Catwoman 1973 (shelf worn)150
Aquaman 1973 (NM-Mt box)185
Aquaman 1973 (sm tear on front)75
Green Arrow 1973 (NM-Mt box)350
Penguin 1973135
Penguin 1973 (box faded)75
Penguin 1973 (prtr on front)65
Penguin 1973 (brown shipping box)45
Mr. Mxyzptlk 1973 (sm mk)165
Mr. Mxyzptlk 1973 (open mouth, shelf wear)65
Mr. Mxyzptlk 1973 (box faded, open mouth)50
Riddler 1973 (shelf worn)175
Tarzan 1972 MIB (shelf wear)110
Tarzan 1973 (sm prtr on front)135
Capt. America 1972, box pictures 2 characters145
Capt. America 1972 (box small tears, side pushed
in), box pictures 295
Capt. America 1972 (box slightly faded)
box pictures 8115
Spider-Man 1972, box pictures 285
Spider-Man 1972, box pictures 2 (NM-Mt box)90
Invisible Girl 1975140

Invisible Girl 1975 (shelf wear)100
Hulk 1974 (NM-Mt box)135
Lizard 1974 (NM-Mt box)200
Green Goblin 1974265
Green Goblin 1974 (shelf wear)225
Green Goblin 1974 (box lid faded)245
Falcon 1974 (NM-Mt box)175
Thing 1975145
Human Torch 197575
Fist Fighting Batman 1975 (box front worn)95
Superman 1972115
Superman 1973 (NM-Mt box)140
Batman 1972 (removable cowl) box slightly faded300
Batman 1973 (NM-Mt box)185
Batman 1973135
Robin 1973 (NM-Mt box)175
Catwoman 1973200

Mego 8" Super Heroes - MOC

Superman 1976135
Superman 197990
Superman 1979 (st off chest)75
Superman 1979 (French issue)85
Batman 1979 (French issue)95
Shazam 1977 (bub cracked)75
Robin 1977 (Canadian, NM-Mt cd)85
Aquaman 1979 (red cd-top of bub cracked)85
Batgirl 1977 (NM-Mt card)245
Batgirl 1977 (st off chest)200
Penguin 1979 (Canadian) top of cd torn75
Mr. Mxyzptlk 1976 (cd faded)115
Joker 1977150
Joker 1979 (Canadian)145
Riddler 1976 MOC (ob)225
Wonder Woman 1978 (Kresge cd rt top crn cut off)225
Capt. America 1975100
Spider-Man 197950
Spider-Man 1979 (Fr issue)35
Spider-Man 1979 (Fr) bub cracked25
Invisible Girl 1979 (Fr)125
Mr. Fantastic 1979 (Fr)90
Hulk 1979 (op before)25
Human Torch 1979 (Fr)45

Super Powers - each MOC

Flash (MIP)7
Flash, Lex Luthor, Kalibak, Hawkman (MIP)15@
Darkseid, Wonder Woman (sm cd)20@
Superman, Paradoxon, DeSaad, Mantis, Joker (prtr)30@
Shazam45
Green Arrow, Mr. Freeze65@
Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Dr. Fate, Cyclotron75@
Tyr55
Samurai, Plastic Man95@
Clark Kent - MIP (Mint in plastic baggie)65
Steppenwolf - MIP8
Firestorm40
Hawkman, Brainiac, (each MIP - Mint in baggie)15@
Joker (MIP)10
Hawkman (bub cr)40
Martian Manhunter65
Plastic Man110
Golden Pharaoh195
Mr. Miracle (bub yellowed)150
Cyborg345
Batman (sm cd)45

WWF - Yellow Carded Series

Shawn Michaels, Kamala, Crush30@
Nailz20

WWF - Blue Carded Series

Dusty Rhodes125
Andre the Giant95
Akeem45
Texas Tornado, Undertaker, Rick Rude, Typhoon25@
Axe, Smash, Ultimate Warrior (1st & 2nd, Nasty
Boys (2-pack)20@
Demolition (2-pack)40
Legion of Doom (2-pack)45
Mini Wrestlers - 3 sets - 12 total - MOC: Natural
Disasters, Legion Doom, Bushwackers, Beefcake, Valentine, Mr.
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Texas Tornado25 set



ABBREVIATIONS: MIB—Mint in Box; MOC—Mint on Card; NM—Near Mint; F—Fine; VF—Very Fine; EXC—Excellent; @—each; prtr—paper tear; cd—card; bl—black; wh—white; ob—opened before; sl rem—seal removed from back; bc—bubble cut or cracked; wrn—worn; sh wr—shelf wear; cnr trn—corner torn; pt—painted; sl wr—slight wear; bk—back of card; cd cut—seal cut out; sl—slight; bub—bubble; M—micro figure; SM—Slaughter's Marauders; TF—Tiger Force; AF—Action Force; SW—swivel arm; MIP—Mint in baggie.

The Adventures of Indiana Jones

Toht, Cairo Swordsman	10@
Belloq (ceremonial robe) MIB	15

Battlestar Galactica

Daggit, Ovion	20@
Adama	30
Starbuck, Cylon	35@
Boray	75
Baltaar, Cylon Commander (gold), Lucifer	85@

The Black Hole - 4" Figures

Harry Booth	10
Dr. Reinhardt	15
Capt. Holland	20
Dr. Durant	45
Maximillian	45
V.I.N.Cent., Sentry Robot	65@

The Black Hole - 12" Figures

Dr. Reinhardt	30
Capt. Holland	35
Charles Pizer	40
Durant, Harry Booth, Kate McCrae	75@

Nightmare Before Christmas

Jack as Santa	12
Jack Skellington, Sally	15@
Werewolf, Behemoth	20@
Santa, Oogie Boogie	55@
Oogie Boogie (stuffed) - box worn	45
Oogie Boogie (stuffed)	65
Santa puppet	25

The A-Team - 6" Figures

Hannibal, Murdock, Face	15@
Viper, Rattler	12@
Mr. T (B.A. Baracus)	20
3-3/4" - 4-pack - contains Hannibal, B.A. Baracus, Face & Murdock - MOC	25

Action Jackson - Mego 8"

Brown hair, Brown bearded	20@
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Advanced Dungeons & Dragons - 4" LJN

Mercion, Kelek	20@
Strongheart	25
Warduke, Zarak (Battle Matic), Elkhorn	45@
Zorgar (card worn)	50
Bowmarc (blue card)	85

Buck Rogers - 4"

Killer Kane, Draco	10@
Ardella (sh wr), Dr. Huer (sh wr), Draconian Guard (sh wr)	15@
Dr. Huer, Draconian Guard	20@
Tiger Man (sh wr)	25
Tiger Man, Wilma (sh wr)	35@
Star Fighter Command Center - MIB	65

Buck Rogers - 12"

Buck	25
Twiki (no box)	20

Captain Power - 4"

Captain Power, Lord Dread	5@
Cpl. Pilot Chase, Col. Stringray Johnson	10@
Triton	20

CHIPS - 4"

Wheels Willie, Jimmy Squeaks	10@
Ponch, Jon	12@
Sarge, Motorcycle	15@

Clash of the Titans - 4"

Charon	35
Perseus & Pegasus gift set - MIB	50
Kraken - MIB	135

Comic Action Heroes - Mego 4"

Joker, Penguin, Shazam	50@
Robin	55
Wonder Woman Collapsing Tower w/Invisible Plane - MIB	125
Fortress of Solitude - MIB (shipping)	175
Fortress of Solitude - MIB	250

Commander Power - Mego

Commander Zack Power w/Lightning Cycle - MIB	45
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Dark Knight Collection - 5" Kenner

Crime Attack Batman, Tec-Shield Batman, Wall Scaler Batman, Bruce Wayne, Shadow Wing Batman, Iron Winch Batman	15@
Sky Escape Joker, Thunderwhip Batman, Powerwing Batman	25@
Batcopter - MIB	25
Knock-Out Joker	60

Defenders of the Earth

Flash Gordon, Lothar	18@
Ming, Garax, Mandrake the Magician	25@
Phantom	35
Mongor - MIB	25

Dick Tracy

Dick, Sam Catchem, Lips Manlis	6@
Big Boy, Rodent	8@
Shoulders, Influence, Itchy	10@
Police Car, Getaway Car - each MIB	25@
19" Breathless, 19" Dick Tracy - each MIB	40@

Dukes of Hazard - 8"

Bo Duke	18
Coy Duke (blonde hair)	45
Boss Hogg (yellow bubble)	20
Boss Hogg	30
Daisy	35

Dukes of Hazard - 4"

Coy, Vance	10@
Daisy, Hogg	15@

E.T.

6" figure w/Speak-N-Spell - MOC	8
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Flash Gordon - Mattel 4"

Lizard Woman, Ming, Zarkov (paper tear)	25@
Thun	30
Vultan, Arak	175@
4-pack - Flash, Thun, Lizard Woman, Arak	125
4-pack - Ming, Zarkov, Beastman, Vultan	125

The Flintstone Kids - Coleco

Freddy, Barney, Betty, Wilma, Dino, Fang	8@
Nate Slate, Cavey, Jr.	35@

The Flintstones in Action - MOC

Wilma, Betty	12@
Fred (cd creased), Barney (cd creased)	25@
Dino, Pebbles & Bamm-Bamm	35@
Barney & car & ladder set - MIB	95
Motorbike - MIB	15
Barney's Car - MIB	25
Fred Flintmobile - Mint no box	15
Flintmobile - MIB	45

The Legend of the Lone Ranger

Lone Ranger	15
Tonto	20
Lone Ranger & Silver (sh wr)	25

The Love Boat - 4"

Gopher, Doc, Julie, Vicki	15@
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Lost World of the Warlord

Warlord, Hercules, Mikola, Deimos, Machiste	15@
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Maxx FX

Freddy Krueger 9" figure - MIB	20
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McDonaldland Characters

Capt. Crook (op), Ronald	35@
Grimace	45

The Muppets - Fisher-Price 4"

Kermit, Miss Piggy, Scooter, Fozzie, Rolf, Gonzo, Animal (each sh wr)	10@
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One Million B.C. - Mego 8"

Grok, Orm, Trag, Mada	25@
Zon	35

Our Gang - Mego 7"

Spanky, Buckwheat, Alfalfa	55@
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Pee-Wee Herman

Magic Screen, Pee-Wee, Chairry	10@
Randy & Globey, Jambi & The Puppet Land Band, Ricardo, King of Cartoons	12@
Conky	15

Planet of the Apes - Mego 8"

Alan Verdon, Gen. Urko	85@
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Police Academy

Flung Hi (yellow or orange accessories), Karate Larvell Jones, Swat Eugene Tackleberry, Kingpin, Undercover Carey Mahoney	10@
Sky Glidin' Zed	15
Snack Attack House	50

Ghostbusters

Dracula, Frankenstein, Mummy, Quasimodo, Werewolf, Zombie	10@
Ecto-Glow - set of 5 - Ray, Peter, Winston, Louis & Egon	100 set
Slimer (1st)	25
Slimer (2nd) - MIB	20
Slimer (3rd - pop-out eyes, blue or red backpack)	15

Robin Hood - Kenner 5"

Azeem, Little John	10@
Will Scarlet, Dark Warrior	16@
Friar Tuck	25

RoboCop

RoboCop, Nightfighter RoboCop (glow)	12@
Gatlin' Blaster RoboCop	20
Robo-Command w/figure	20



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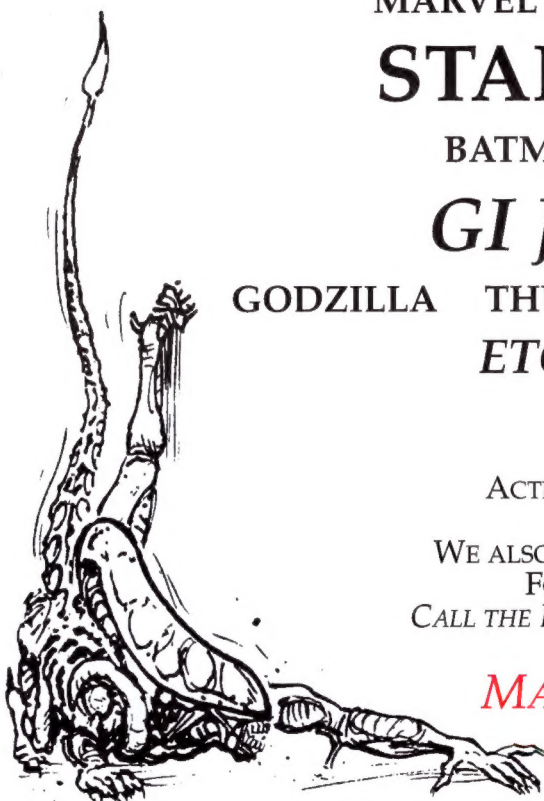
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ACTION NEWS BRIEFS

The Star Wars Summit. On November 3 and 4, 1994, *Star Wars* merchandise licensees and distributors gathered at Skywalker Ranch, the headquarters of Lucasfilm, Ltd., to discuss plans leading up to the first film in the new *Star Wars* trilogy. AFD was there as a licensee, rather than in a reporting capacity, so we must honor the confidentiality entrusted to us by fellow licensees.

Here's what we can tell at this point:

- Episode I of the *Star Wars* saga is scheduled to be released to theaters in 1998.
- There is a lot of *Star Wars* past which hasn't been revealed yet. Major events are planned for 1996 and 1997. New characters and new technology will be utilized to help fill in the voids using a variety of media.
- *Star Wars* will be re-released to theaters in 1997 with new footage and effects not technologically possible when the film was first made.
- The rumors about Kenner's new *Star Wars* figures, especially those on the Internet, are wrong. The first vehicles and figures are set for release at Back-to-School time in late summer 1995. These may or may not be shown at Toy Fair, but AFD will have photos as soon as possible.
- Galoob will release two more convertible playset heads - Chewy/Endor and Stormtrooper/Death Star scene, plus two regular playsets of Dagobah and Tatooine and a giant playworld built within an 18" Millennium Falcon which opens to 36" of play area.
- There will be a blitz of new and repackaged book titles from Bantam and Ballentine.
- 20th Century Fox Music has found still more previously unreleased music.
- 20th Century Fox Video will soon release a digitally re-mastered trilogy.
- New licensees with products debuting in 1995 include Applause, Hallmark, Little Brown, Time Warner, and many more.
- Lucasfilm is a great host. The program started with Stormtroopers deployed throughout the theater. Then came the Royal Guards to make way for Darth Vader who addressed the producers and distributors of everything *Star Wars*, "Never have I seen such a gathering of greedy, money-hungry opportunists in my life... You're my kind of people." His good-natured admonishment continued to the laughter from the crowd and ended with these memorable words, "I have been marked up and marked down so many times I can't tell if I'm coming or going. But I will have my revenge. In 1998 I will be young again... and all of you will be balder, fatter, and 21 years older."

Then came the hours of plans and merchandise presentations. When it was time for dinner, the Stormtroopers carefully checked each guest to determine any rebel affiliation and each was admitted into a reconstruction of the Cantina gloriously filled with creatures, the Cantina Band, movie props, Rebels in disguise, an ever-vigilant guard, and the ominous presence of Boba Fett. The costumes were from the films, the food truly out of this world, and the experience unforgettable.

Following a review of current merchandise and scheduled second day activities, the Summit concluded with a tour of the Lucasfilm Ltd archives. Here groups of attendees inspected models, costumes, paintings, and other film artifacts just returned from nearly two years on exhibit in Japan. There should be several opportunities for fans to see these artifacts as they travel throughout the U.S. during the next 5 to 8 years. The first opportunity will be the Art of *Star Wars* at the Center for the Arts Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco beginning December 27, 1994 where they will be on display through March 1995.

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Legends of Batman to be Extended. Count on five new *Legends of Batman* figures to be released in January: Knightfall, Viking Batman, Samurai Batman, The Riddler, and one other Batman. This is easily the most popular *Batman* series on the shelves these days, but the new releases will already begin to use old molds. Cyborg Batman is the slow mover...probably due to extreme limits on posability. Two additional deluxe figures will also be released in January.

Batman—the Animated Series Gets Split Personality...the existing line plus a new Crime Squad. Seven new regular figures include more Batmans, Robin, Bane, and Commissioner Gordon who could be first offered as a mail-in figure. The Crime Squad is a bunch of repainted Batmans with “rapid deployment back packs” and “camouflage costumes”. Most back packs are huge. Nothing terribly new here. The Crime Squad will also have a Triple Attack Jet vehicle.

Batman Forever movie figures will be shown at Toy Fair.

V.R. Troopers figures and vehicles are currently being tested in a couple of markets. Safe to say, early indications are these are not another *Power Rangers*. Kids’ reactions in stores are favorable, but then they pick another figure for purchase...and the show is already on the air with decent ratings. No 22 points of articulation on these stiff-leg ultragenerics. Maybe a 14” Ryan Steel figure, still to come, will help.

Power Rangers Fully Stocked. All *Power Rangers* action figure products, plus an unexpected Thunder Megazord (combination package of the Assault Team and Red Dragon Thunderzord), are now in stores. The supply in mid-November was still plentiful on basic figures with accessory sets still available on a hit or miss basis. One small town Halloween parade of 72 kids had 46 dressed as *Power Rangers*. Will they fade in ’95?

Incredible Second Series for the Fantastic Four TV Series. The new versions of Invisible Woman, Human Torch, Firelord, Blastaar, Dragon Man, Gorgon, and Thanos are seen on page 20.

Spider-Man Series Continues On Schedule. Look for third series Spider-Man figures in January. This assortment will include: Green Goblin, Spider-Man in “Web of Spider-Man armor”, Shocker, Rhino, Scorpion and resculpted multi-jointed Spider-Man. The fourth assortment scheduled for May 1995 will feature Spider-Man in his black costume, Spider-Man with web glider wings, Mysterio with squirter action, The Chameleon with additional heads like Morph for identity changes, Venom II with removable mask to reveal Eddie Brock, and Prowler with extending talons.

X-Force Assortment Three Has Familiar Faces. Mojo, currently being used for a special promotion at Toys “Я” Us, will go into general release at other toy outlets in January along with the “definitive” Cable with big guns, plus Exodus, Commando, and Avalanche. “Exclusive” (repainted) deluxe Cable figures are available only at Venture stores. **X-Men III** assortment will feature Warstar (painted with a new metallic process similar to vac-metallization), Corsair, Wolverine in a space suit, Gladiator, and Phoenix with light-up hair. **Assortment IV** will have Cameron Hodge, X-cutioner, Maverick, Senyaka, Fang Wolverine, and Sunfire.

Super-Size Mortal Kombat. Three 12” figures of Rayden, Johnny Cage, and Liu Kang will be done in addition to those seen on page 10.

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G.I. Joe: The Last 3¾" Figures



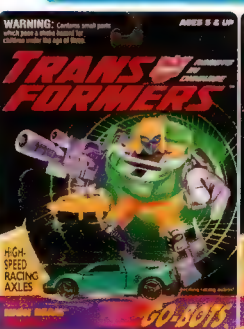
It may not look like the end of an era, but these six figures are the last of the 3¾" G.I. Joes. Effects, shown in the upper left corner, will be the last new character created in this size. Countdown and Ozone are the toughest...each is packed two per case. The others break down as follows: Effects-6, Lobotomaxx-5, Predacon-5, and Carcass-4.

Additional items for this size were planned, but were rejected in favor of additional product for the new Sgt. Savage line of 4½" figures. For full details on Sgt. Savage, see issue #19 of AFD.

See pages 39-41 for a continuation of last issue's convention coverage. Turn the page for more new products.

New Releases From Hasbro/Kenner





Mortal Kombat is currently in test-marketing for release in December or January. New G.I. Joe vehicles for 3 1/2" and 12" figures went into distribution in October, as did the entire supply of 30th Anniversary Black Action Soldiers.

New Transformers and Go-Bots should be hitting the shelves soon. Jean-Claude Van Damme Street Fighter—Official Movie Fighter figures are set to break with the film.

Creepy Crawlers



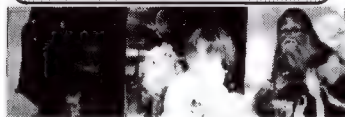
Toymax Incorporated is making its entrance into the action figure market with *Creepy Crawlers*, based on its own line of Plasti-Goop compounds. Each figure includes a molding tray to create customized accessories with the company's famous Creepy Crawlers Workshop oven.

One drawback...kids may confuse the "Goop Power Packs" packaged with the good guys for plastic containers of the modeling compounds. If it's not something compatible, these could be a mess for mom.

In addition to promoting the company's other products, Toymax has come up with a great solution to a common

toy problem. If you lose the figure's accessories, all you need to do is brew up some more. You can make multiple sets in different colors, or mix them with accessories from other characters. If you want your creations to stretch, or if you're a fan of color-changing features, there are special plasti-goop compounds available. Join the Creepy Crawlers Collector's Club (application on the back of each package) and Toymax promises to send you a special bottle of goop to "Make Stuff That'll Make Mom Gag—Available only to club members." As the evil Professor Guggengrime says, "Make, Bake, Overtake!"

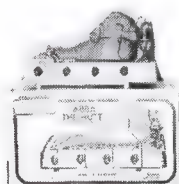
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The following rules apply:

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1994 FIGURE OF THE YEAR BALLOT

Section A — Best Action Figure Line

List the five action figure lines you like best on the lines below. Make sure to list them in order of preference. Choose five (5) from the list above.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

Section B — Best Individual Action Figure

List your five favorite *individual* figures from all the action figure lines sold during 1994. Figures can be from as many as five different lines, or you can select multiple choices from the same line. We want your answer to reflect what you think are the five neatest figures produced for sale during the year. Again, list them in order of preference.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

Section C — Best Vehicle, Accessory, or Playset

This section is the place to list your favorite vehicles, accessories, and/or playsets. These do not have to be related to the responses you made above, but they can be. The important thing is to list your 3 most favorite vehicles, accessories, and or playsets, no matter which action figure line they are associated with.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | |

Section D — Worst Action Figure Line

This section is for the action figure *lines* you liked *least*.

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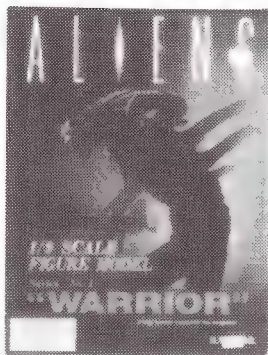
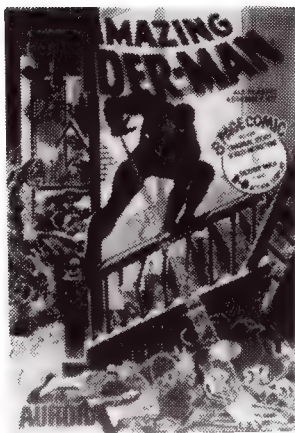
Section E — Figure Fizzle of the Year

In this last section please list the *individual* action figures you liked least. These can be from any figure line.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

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1st 6 figures loose, M	30.00
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Capt Dan Holland	10.00
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Corgi Starfighter	25.00
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Action Boy Spacesuit gloves, NM	50.00
Captain America, NM & complete	175.00
M Doll in sharp box with blue Lone Ranger pictured, plain cardboard box bottom has been taped	400.00
Green Hornet Flasher Ring, M	75.00
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CAPTAIN AMERICA (all M)	
Gum Machine Mini Book/1966	20.00
Hand Puppet frm 1978, MIBag	15.00
Origin Of Cap Video, 60's, 2 shows	20.00
Remco Energized Cap 10"	125.00
Superbaby Cap Doll	25.00
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Cassette, Living Legend w/comic	8.00
Cassette, Strange Death of...w/comic	8.00

CAPTAIN PLANET (all MOC)	
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Kwame & Ma-ti	8.00
Linka Planeteer	10.00
Wheeler Planeteer	6.00
Sly Sludge	12.00
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RoboCop—The Series



Spawn





Current releases from Playmates include the first of the long-awaited Dixon Hill figures, Ensign Ro, and Dr. Soran of from the *Generations* line. Also shown are numerous playsets and vehicles released in the last two months. Shown in the lower right corner are one of four *Apollo 11* *Turtles* (space constraints prevent us from showing all of

them) and a prototype from the upcoming *Robotech* expansion of the *Exosquad* line.

Opposite page: Figures for *Star Trek: Generations*. Above: Movie Edition Collector Series figures, each 9" tall with cloth costumes. Below: The complete 4½" *Generations* line.



Promotional and Newer Toy Biz Figures



Purple color comes only in F.A.O. Schwartz 4-pack. Don't order by mail: figures come in baggies.



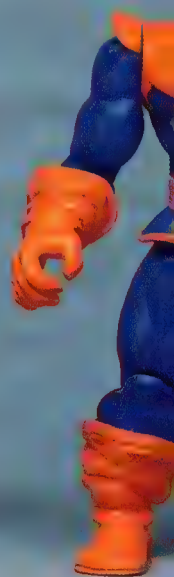
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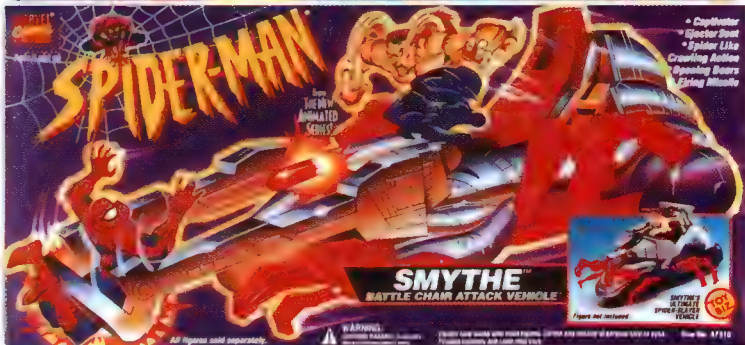
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Human Torch



Fantastic Four Series Two



Doctor

Invisible Woman

Fireball

Blastaar



As of October/November, all Legends of Batman products shown at Toy Fair 1994 were available. Catwoman and Joker are packed one per case.





Above: Kenner's new die-cast Action Masters were being test-marketed at publication time. The line, which was called *Movie Masters* in earlier production stages, features die-cast figures from *Aliens*, *Predator*, *Batman—The Animated Series*, *Legends of Batman*, *Terminator*, and *Star Wars* (see the *Star Wars* update on pages 25-35 for a sneak preview of these). Superman figures are also planned. Each figure's base is molded to link with other characters in its group to create an action scene.

Bottom row: New Deluxe *Predator* Clan Leader figure features "Whipping Dreadlocks." Night Cougar Alien is a re-painted version of the Panther Alien...Flying Parasite and all. The Queen Hive playset includes a killer Deluxe Mother Alien. The figure has trouble standing up by itself (it looks like it's wearing high-heeled shoes), but the head articulation is creepy enough to give you the shivers. Further expansion of the *Aliens* line is reportedly in the works.

AFD's STAR WARS®

UPDATE

Tomart's Price Guide to Worldwide Star Wars Collectibles was in development for several years before the contracts were actually signed. Then it took a year and a half for the actual publication process. Throughout this time, Tomart talked with many collectors, acquired many artifacts, and interviewed many people involved with the creation of the various *Star Wars* toy lines. In the process we have obtained extremely limited or unproduced items not necessarily associated with the action figure line. Starting with this issue, *AFD Star Wars* coverage will include all types of merchandise — past, present, and future — and there will be a *Star Wars Update* in every issue. Each update will include a report on new products, with an eye towards developing the same reliable advance information you have come to expect from Tomart.

This approach will permit *AFD* to feature more collectibles in full color, whereas they could only be shown in black and white in the price guide.

This first section will give you an idea of the kind of material to be included in future issues: one-of-a-kind items, new products, variations, and other merchandise news. Readers are invited to make comments and suggestions on this expanded mission of *Action Figure Digest*, and even share photos of rare discoveries they have made while traveling in the galaxy of *Star Wars* merchandise.

Two Different Missile-Firing Boba Fetts

Every *Star Wars* fan between the ages of 25 and 35 is likely to have shared in the disappointment of sending away for a missile-firing Boba Fett figure, only to get a one with the missile sonic welded into place. The safety notice explanation was more maddening than helpful.

How dare they offer something so neat that they couldn't deliver?

Now the whole story has surfaced, along with five more missile-firing Boba Fetts. It came to light in late October when former Kenner testing technician, John Howison, saw a story in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* newspaper about a *Star Wars* toy collector in search of a missile-firing Boba Fett. His wife pointed out the story to him and his response was, "Yeah, I got some of those around." "Some?" she responded, "Do you know what they are worth?"

John contacted the collector, and a childhood goal of owning a missile-firing Boba Fett was satisfied. The other four were sold within 24 hours as the word spread.

The spectacular part of this find was the discovery of a second version of the missile-firing figure — two were like the original unpainted version documented in several books and magazines, plus three of a painted version modified to prevent accidental launching.

Here is what we know for sure: The original model for Boba Fett was completely different from the figure actually produced. Photos of it were printed on the insert included in the first collector's case. The figure appeared more like Boba Fett in the film and had a missile similar to the 12" figure. Then the figure was totally resculpted and included the missile-firing mechanism.



Kenner's original Boba Fett prototype.

John Howison relates what happened next. "A number of unpainted samples were made here in the States and passed all safety tests. Then a kid accidentally fired a missile from a Mattel *Battlestar Galactica* spaceship into the mouth of a friend, and the incident made the national news wires. Kenner's lawyers advised the company to get rid of the missile-firing feature. In a last-ditch effort to save the idea, the product was redesigned to help prevent accidental launching with a "J" style locking device change to the mold. Thirty figures were produced in Hong Kong and sent to me for testing. We baked 6, froze 6, and did other standard destructive tests on arm and leg joints. The critical test was on the new launching design. It failed the stress test applied to the thin locking extension. This broke off and created a new hazard of a tiny plastic splinter that could do damage to a child's eye. As a result, the lawyers dealt the final blow to the missile-firing design. I threw the failed and remaining two untested samples into my desk where two samples from previous testing remained. When I left the company, they got packed with the rest of my stuff. They remained packed away until I saw the article."

Other current or former Kenner employees are known to own at least five samples of the unpainted versions. Another five were known to be in collector's hands and this find brings the total to at least fifteen. Not all are complete moldings or in the same color of plastic. One is known to be white and yellow. One formally owned by Tomart is missing the fingers. And one of the three painted ones is the stress-test failed example missing the extension piece intended to "lock" the firing mechanism.



The many lives of Boba Fett's rocket launcher. From left to right: original mechanism designed by Kenner; revised Kenner mechanism with J-shaped launcher slot; production figure with sonic-welded missile; production figure with launcher conversion by The Earth.



Two different groups have worked to modify existing Boba Fetts to fire missiles. One version looks like the style shown in various offers. This version never happened...it was simply an artist's airbrushed rendering. The best we have seen of modified units have been done by The Earth. They are available for a new lower price...see their ad on page 51 for more information.

STAR WARS CARD BACKS

There were 45 card back variations as films and figures were added. One involves a change in a single sentence. More often it is a complete design change or the inclusion of a major mail offer. The original twelve figures also came on a *Star Wars* card with 12, 20, 21, or 32 figures advertised on the back. The 12 backs command a premium of 15-100% depending on the figure (see update list).

12A - The back of this card shows 12 figures, describes each one, and lists the name and height of each figure. It shows how to use the two-piece lightsaber. The toys on the card are the TIE fighter, the X-wing fighter and the Landspeeder. The bottom of the card shows the STAR WARS Action Collector's Stand and says that it can be gotten with two proofs-of-purchase and \$2.00. Offer expires May 1, 1979. The front of this card has a white square in the upper left corner.

12B - The back of this card is the same as 12A except there is an additional paragraph stating that you can alternately get the Collector's Action Stand FREE with 12 proofs-of-purchase. Offer expires May 1, 1979.

12C - The back of this card is the same as 12B except the description of how to work the lightsaber has one less sentence. Offer expires May 1, 1979.

20A - The back of this card says "New STAR WARS Mini Action Figures Available Soon. Collect All 20." It shows the next 8 figures in large boxes above the original 12 shown in a row of small boxes. The bottom of the card says "Look for these Exciting STAR WARS Adventure Sets and other Toys!" The toys on the bottom of the card are (clockwise from top left): the Mini Action Figure Collector's Case, the Droid Factory, the Creature Cantina, the Land of the Jawas, and the Patrol Dewback. The front of this card has a white square in the upper left corner.

20B - This card is the same as 20A except there is not a white square in the upper left corner of the front of the card. The back of this card pictures the actual Creature Cantina instead of the prototype, and the descriptions of the Creature Cantina and the Land of the Jawas are different.

20C - The front of this card has a yellow-rimmed star that says "FREE BOBA FETT WITH PURCHASE OF ANY FOUR STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES (See details on back.)" A picture of Boba Fett appears in the star. The back of the card says "GET A FREE BOBA FETT ACTION FIGURE", shows a picture of Boba Fett with the firing rocket backpack, and tells how to get him. The bottom of the card shows the 20 action figures in small boxes. Across the middle of the back of the card are pictures of the Creature Cantina and the Land of the Jawas. Offer expires May 31, 1979.

20D - The back of this card is the same as 20C except the picture of Boba Fett is covered by a black sticker with round corners.

20E - The back of this card is the same as 20C except the picture of Boba Fett is covered by a yellow and black sticker with round corners.

20F - The back of this card is the same as 20C except the picture of Boba Fett is covered by a yellow and black sticker with square corners and it has a red circle sticker that extends the offer to March 31, 1980.

Card Back Variations

12A 12B 12C 20A 20B 20C 20D 20E 20F 20G 20H 21A 21B 21C 32A

TO1101	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1105	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1111	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1113	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1115	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1116	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1121	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1123	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1127	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1131	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1137	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1139	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1141	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
TO1145	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Card back information courtesy of Jon and Karl Hartman



In-store display header card for the first 21 figures, featuring the non-missile-firing Boba Fett, but showing the original missile.

20G - The back of this card is the same as 20F except the sticker is a red rectangle and extends the offer to December 31, 1980.

20H - This card is the same as 20C except it has a yellow and red 11-pointed star sticker on the front that says "FREE SECRET STAR WARS ACTION FIGURE WITH PURCHASE OF ANY 4 STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES (See back for details.)" The back of this card has a sticker over the entire Boba Fett offer on the top third of the card that tells how to get the secret figure. Offer expires May 31, 1980.

21A - The back of this card says "Collect All 21 STAR WARS Action Figures!" It shows 21 figures. The bottom of the card is the same as 20B.

21B - The back of this card is the same as 21A except the pictures of the toys at the bottom of the card are in a different order. The toys on the bottom of the card are (clockwise from top left): the Land of the Jawas, the Patrol Dewback, the Droid Factory, the Creature Cantina, and the Action Figure Collector's Case. The pictures of the Droid Factory and the Patrol Dewback are not the prototype versions.

21C - The front of this card has a yellow and red 11-pointed star sticker that says "FREE SECRET STAR WARS ACTION FIGURE WITH PURCHASE OF ANY 4 STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES (See back for details.)" The back of this card would be the same as 21A or 21B, but there is a sticker over the bottom third of the card that tells how to get the figure. Offer expires May 31, 1980.



Original Han (TO1115) and large head variation (TO1116).



Cloth-caped (TO1139) and vinyl-caped (TO1137) Jawa figures.

32A - The back of this card is the same as 12C except for the addition of a sticker which covers the bottom third of the card. It says "COLLECT ALL 32 ACTION FIGURES" and shows pictures of the first 20 figures from STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK.

THE ORIGINAL 12 STAR WARS FIGURES

The first 12 *Star Wars* figures on *Star Wars* logo cards are some of the hottest collectible figures available today. Comparing the prices below to Tomart's recently published *Price Guide to Worldwide Star Wars Collectibles*, you will notice a further breakdown by card back in all except the top figures which have had some dramatic increases. Han Solo on a 12-back card is in the top demand with Luke also showing signs of accelerated growth. The vinyl cape Jawa has more than doubled. Part of this growth is undoubtedly due to the book being published and growing demand for all *Star Wars* collectibles as anticipation builds with an eye towards the release of the second *Star Wars* film trilogy beginning in 1998. To what degree this value gain is based on speculation will take another few years to determine.

Original 12 Characters — *Star Wars* 12-backs

TO1101 Chewbacca w/black bowcaster	85 - 125
TO1102 Chewbacca w/green bowcaster	100 - 150



Extending Lightsabers

TO1104

TO1126

TO1130

TO1104	Luke Skywalker w/extending saber	500 - 800
TO1105	Luke Skywalker w/yellow hair	175 - 250
TO1111	Artoo-Detoo (R2-D2)	85 - 100
TO1113	Princess Leia Organa	150 - 225
TO1115	Han Solo (first head) small	350 - 650
TO1116	Han Solo (second head) large	450 - 700
TO1121	See-Threepio (C-3PO)	85 - 125
TO1123	Stormtrooper	85 - 125
TO1126	Darth Vader w/extending lightsaber	525 - 825
TO1127	Darth Vader	65 - 125
TO1130	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi w/extending saber	550 - 850
TO1131	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (white hair)	85 - 125
TO1132	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (gray hair)	85 - 125
TO1137	Jawa (vinyl cape)	350 - 750
TO1139	Jawa (cloth cape)	80 - 100
TO1141	Sand People	80 - 110
TO1145	Death Squad Commander	85 - 125

Original 12 Characters — *Star Wars* 20-/21-Backs

TO1101	Chewbacca	65 - 85
TO1105	Luke Skywalker w/yellow hair	80 - 175
TO1111	Artoo-Detoo (R2-D2)	60 - 85
TO1113	Princess Leia Organa	125 - 175
TO1116	Han Solo (second head) large	175 - 350
TO1121	See-Threepio (C-3PO)	65 - 85
TO1123	Stormtrooper	65 - 85
TO1127	Darth Vader	65 - 85
TO1131	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (white hair)	65 - 85
TO1132	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (gray hair)	65 - 85
TO1139	Jawa (cloth cape)	40 - 80
TO1141	Sand People	50 - 80
TO1145	Death Squad Commander	65 - 85

Original 12 Characters — Loose

TO1101	Chewbacca w/black bowcaster	10
TO1102	Chewbacca w/green bowcaster	15
TO1104	Luke Skywalker w/extending saber	135
TO1105	Luke Skywalker w/yellow hair	15
TO1111	Artoo-Detoo (R2-D2)	12
TO1113	Princess Leia Organa	15
TO1115	Han Solo (first head) small	20
TO1116	Han Solo (second head) large	15
TO1121	See-Threepio (C-3PO)	10
TO1123	Stormtrooper	9
TO1126	Darth Vader w/extending lightsaber	150
TO1127	Darth Vader	10
TO1130	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi w/extending saber	165
TO1131	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (white hair)	12

TO1132	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (gray hair)	12
TO1137	Jawa (vinyl cape)	75
TO1139	Jawa (cloth cape)	9
TO1141	Sand People	9
TO1145	Death Squad Commander	8

Department Store Multi-Packs

Back in the late '70s, major department store toy departments were trying to hold on against the ever-increasing toy discount stores. Throughout the *Star Wars* trilogy, Kenner provided special promotional packaging to give these stores an "exclusive" product to attract customers. There were 18 special figure 3-packs created for this purpose. Most just offered a special, lower price deal on three figures purchased together, but four of the packs also included a unique background. All multi-packs are highly sought after by collectors.

Star Wars Three-figure sets

TO1181	Hero Set (Han Solo, Leia, Ben)	300 - 450
TO1183	Villain Set (Vader, Stormtrooper, Death Squad Commander)	300 - 450
TO1185	Android Set (Chewbacca, R2-D2, C-3PO)	300 - 450

Star Wars Three-figure sets w/backdrops

TO1191	Hero Set (Han Solo, Luke X-wing Pilot, Ben)	400 - 600
TO1193	Villain Set (Sand People, Boba Fett, Snaggletooth)	400 - 600
TO1195	Android Set (Power Droid, R5-D4, Death Star Droid)	400 - 600
TO1197	Creature Set (Greedo, Hammerhead, Walrus Man)	400 - 600

Empire Three-figure sets

TO1291	Hoth Rebel Set (Han Solo (Hoth outfit), Rebel Commander, FX-7) © 1980	250 - 450
TO1293	Bespin Alliance Set (Bespin Security Guard, Lando, Luke (Bespin fatigues) © 1980	250 - 450
TO1295	Imperial Forces Set (Bossk, Stormtrooper (Hoth), IG-88) © 1980	250 - 450
TO1297	Rebel Set (2-1B, Leia (Hoth outfit), Rebel Commander) © 1981	250 - 450
TO1299	Bespin Set (Han Solo (Bespin outfit), Ugnaught, Lobot) © 1981	250 - 450
TO1301	Imperial Set (Imperial Commander, Dengar, AT-AT Driver) © 1981	250 - 450



TO1321



TO1323



TO1101

TO1105

TO1111

TO1113



TO1115

TO1121

TO1123

TO1127



TO1131

TO1137

TO1141

TO1145

- TO1303 Rebel Set (Leia (Hoth outfit), R2-D2 (Sensorscope), Luke (Hoth outfit)) © 1982 250 - 450
- TO1305 Bespinn Set (C-3PO, Ugnaught, Cloud Car Pilot) © 1982 250 - 450
- TO1307 Imperial Set (Zuckuss, AT-AT Driver, TIE Fighter Pilot) © 1982 250 - 450

- Empire Six-figure sets**
- TO1321 Box w/Rebel Soldier, C-3PO, R2-D2 (sensorscope), Han Solo (Hoth outfit), Darth Vader, and Stormtrooper (Hoth) 200 - 400
- TO1323 Box w/Darth Vader, Stormtrooper (Hoth), AT-AT Driver, Rebel Soldier (Hoth), IG-88, Yoda 200 - 400



TO1191



TO1193



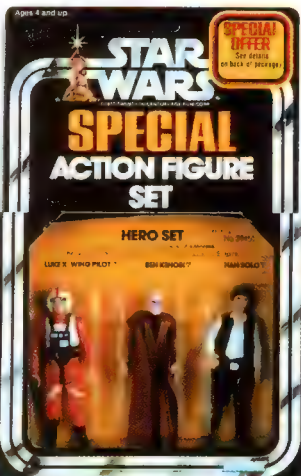
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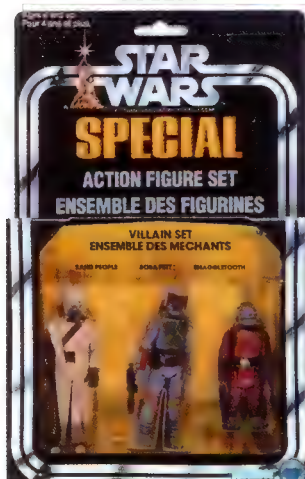
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TO1303



TO1305



TO2441



TO2442



TO2443



TO4701



TO1195



TO1197



TO1195



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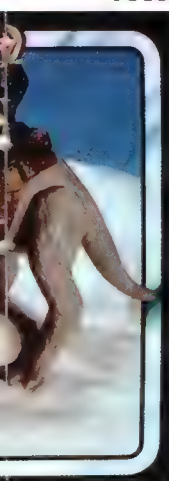
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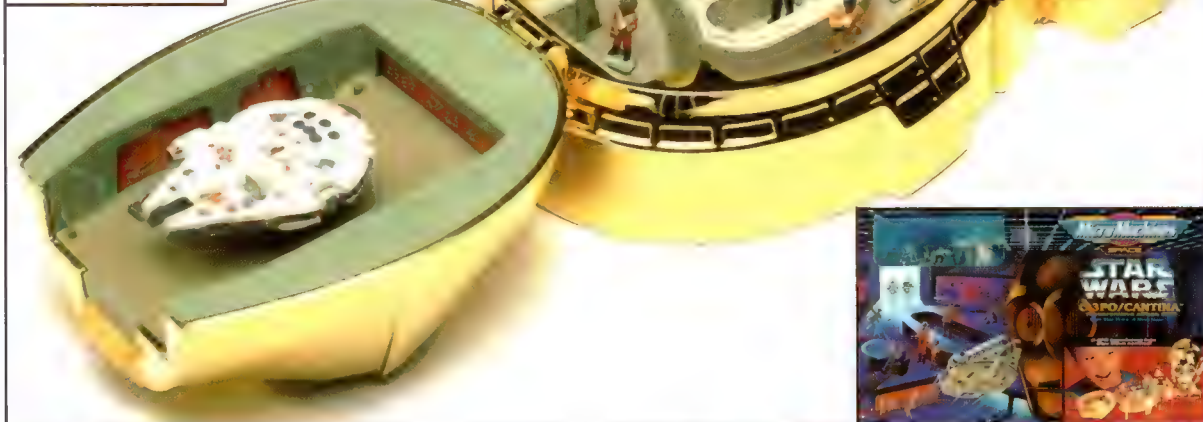
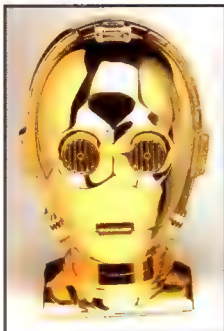
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TO1425 Rebel Set 450 - 650
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Miscellaneous Special Packaging

TO1475 *Revenge of the Jedi* cards without figures, each 20 - 30

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TO2440 Hero Set 400 - 600

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TO2505 ESB 4-figure packs (Sears), ea. 35 - 70

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TO4703 Ewok Combat set w/figures 200 - 400

TO4705 Speeder Bike set w/figures 200 - 400

Germany

TO5300 Speeder Bike set, carded 100 - 150



K-mart set features exclusive figures and vehicles, including Rebel Pilot, Imperial Pilot, and Darth Vader's TIE fighter.



Kay-Bee packaging. While all figures and vehicles are available in other sets, this boxed combination is not sold at any other store.

New Star Wars Micro-Machines Playsets

Galoob continues to expand its popular Micro Machines line. Top row: Transforming Action Sets feature scenes from each film inside playsets shaped like C-3PO, Darth

Vader, and R2-D2. Above: K-mart and Kay-Bee exclusive sets. Bottom row: Star Wars sets 4, 5, and 6.





New Star Wars Action Masters from Kenner

Kenner is beginning to set the stage for its return to the production of *Star Wars* merchandise. The company's new die-cast line *Action Masters*, which was available in test-market cities at publication time, features *Star Wars* characters at the vanguard (see page 23 for non-*Star Wars* products from the *Action Masters* line).

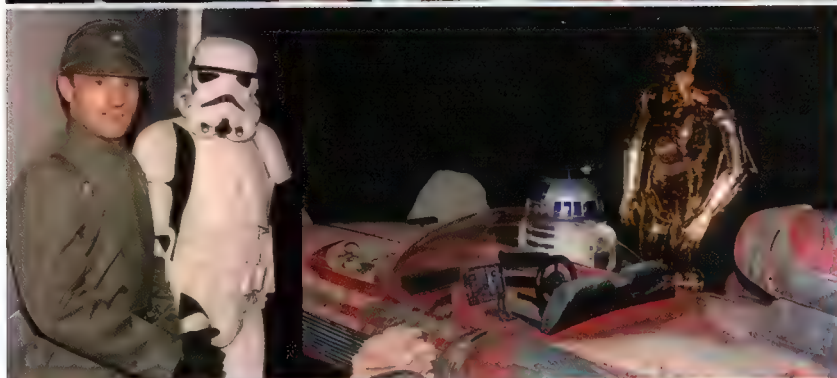
In addition to the figures shown below, a single-carded Chewbacca and Snowtrooper are planned. A gold-plated C-3PO is also available by mail for six "Action Master Purchase Points" (single cards are worth one point, four-packs are worth 4, six-packs are worth 6).

Action Masters are tentatively scheduled for nationwide release in January of 1995.



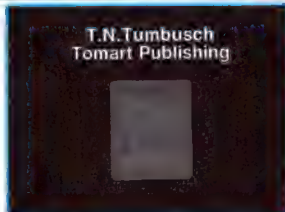
STAR WARS

SUMMIT: Skywalker Ranch, November 3 & 4



Lucasfilm's Scoring Stage was transformed into the Mos Eisley Cantina for a special evening reception at the *Star Wars* summit. Toy industry executives and other licensees rubbed shoulders with a host of classic characters, including Boba Fett, Chewbacca, Admiral Ackbar, Imperial officers and Stormtroopers (the latter checking IDs at the door).

Attendee badge with exclusive pin.

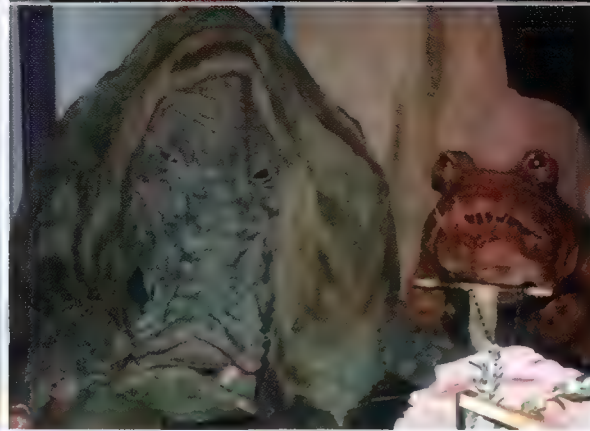
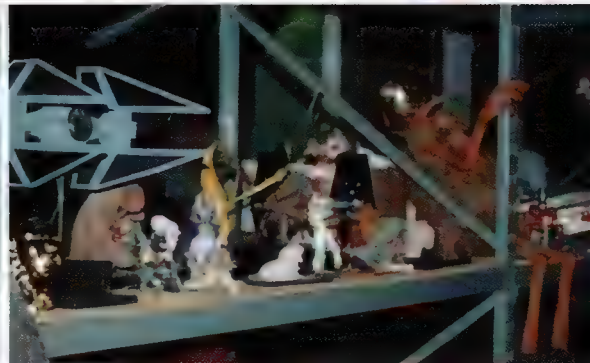
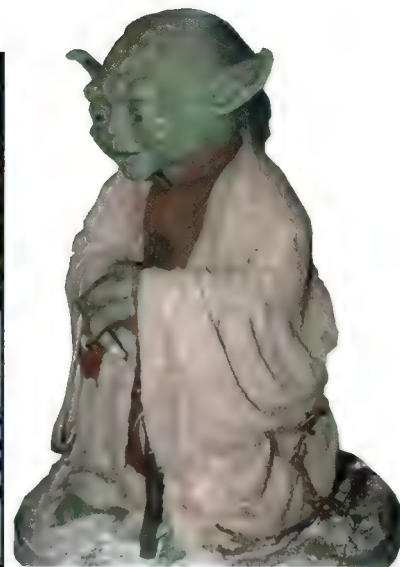
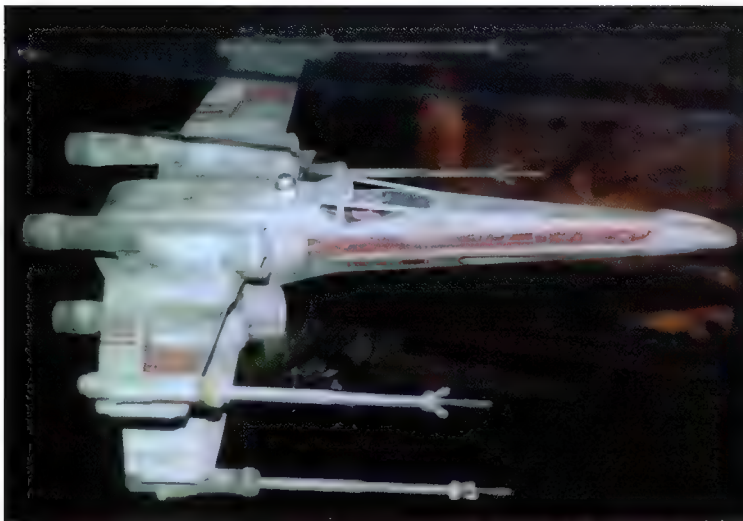


This limited edition X-wing replica is one of three hundred made by Rawcliffe Corporation exclusively for the attendees and staff of the *Star Wars* Summit. It is a variation of Rawcliffe's limited edition of 15,000.

Opposite page: recently-restored models, costumes, and props scheduled for upcoming exhibitions in the United States.



Promotional cards for Topps' new full-frame Widevision series.



Disney/Looney Tunes



New Lion King and Aladdin figures and accessories from Mattel. Older Aladdin figures are also available on TV Series cards like those shown at left.

Bottom row: Talking Looney Tunes figures from Tyco.



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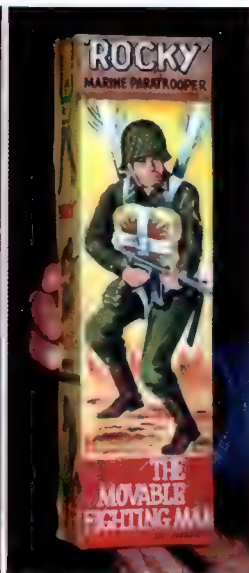
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1994 Convention Program	Magazine format with articles and color illustrations. Pictures and describes "Sgt. Savage and His Screaming Eagles."	5.00
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G.I. JOE CONVENTION

PART 2



One of the major highlights of the *G.I. Joe* convention was meeting Don Levine, creator of the original 12" *G.I. Joe*. He kept all of the original prototypes and first-production figures which were passed among

conventioners during his remarks. Above left is the first *G.I. Joe* prototype. Next is the prototype box for the Marine, who was originally named "Rocky." Right is Don Levine with the first production boxes.



Costumes for TV commercials, sold in Christie's auction for \$517.50 and \$690.



Above: Unproduced *G.I. Joe* rocket ship and banquet banner.



Bar-room brawl diorama.



Auction Record-Breakers (alternate 30th Anniversary Figures):
Soldier: \$1,150; Colonial Soldier, \$977.50; Pilot \$5,750.

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Original concept drawing for Baroness, shown at convention banquet

Unreleased Star Brigade Alien



Preliminary design for the Shark 9000 vehicle. Sold at Christie's Auction for \$833.75.



Foam prototype and metal model for unproduced Battle Cycle (\$92/\$517.50)



Prototype for Tonka Steel Brigade Vehicle (\$402.50)



Art for proposed but unproduced G.I. Joe Sea Force



3 3/4" paint masters and auction prices realized: Pathfinder (\$517.50), Skycreeper (\$483), and Grunt (\$517.50).



Drawing for unproduced G.I. Joe vehicle (\$80.50)
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Drawing for Dreadnok Thunder Machine (\$103.50)



Early concept drawing of G.I. Joe Space Shuttle (\$184)



Unique Convention goodies available to dealers, Officer's Club members, and other premium ticket participants. Some of these items are still available from Cotswold Collectibles and show producers MARZ Productions.



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Action Figure Design Contest Winners

The judges report that this contest is becoming harder to judge each year, and super hero type characters once again led all other types of entries. Still, Joe Ferrelli won the Best Existing Character category with his submission, based on *Mars Attacks*. The judges felt this was fertile ground for an action figure line, and were particularly impressed with the painted details on the figure photos submitted.

Rick Phelps wins the Best Original Character category for *Uke*: "50% man, 50% machine, and 100% bad atti-

tude. A guy out to kick the butt of every spandex-wearing pantywaist who ever stood too close to a microwave and walked away a super hero."

The mechanism bonus award goes to Vince DeVincenzo as part of his *Dragon Fighters* entry for the original figure category. Several of his dragons breathe harmless "smoke" in preparation for battle.

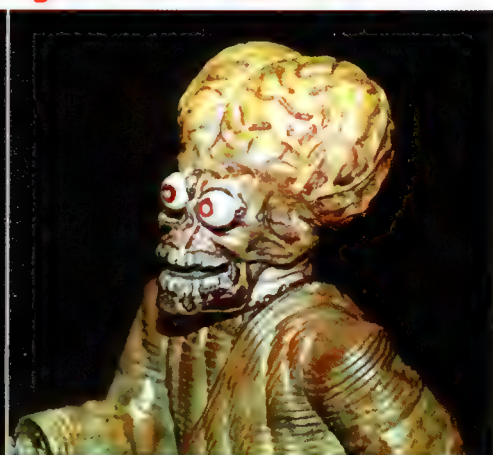
Congratulations to all of our winners. Your checks for \$100 each are in the mail, and a free year of AFD has been entered in your names. *Turn page for runner-ups...*



Mechanism Bonus Prize: *Dragon Fighters*



Best Original Character: *Uke*



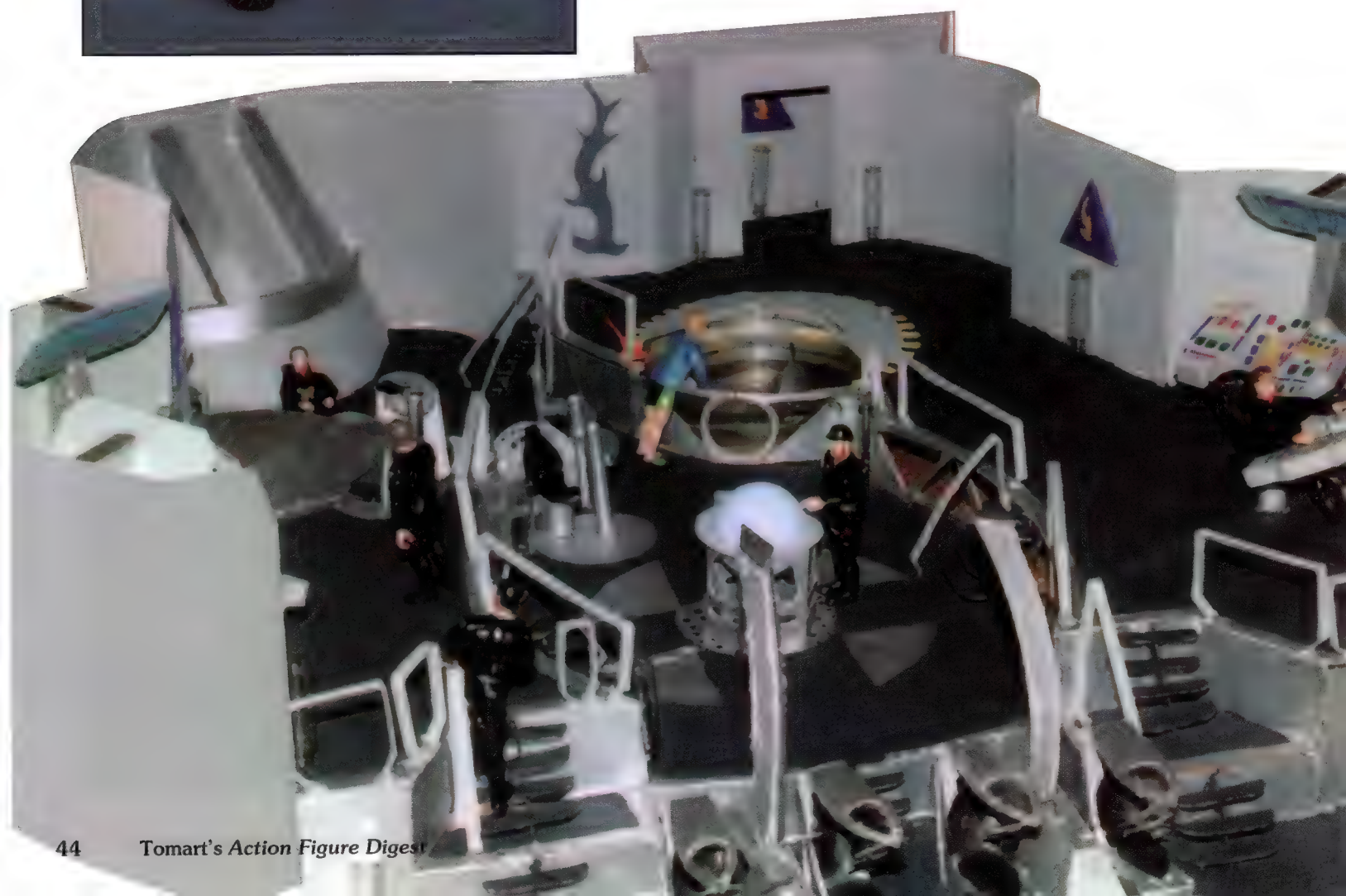
Best Existing Character: *Mars Attacks*

Action Figure Design Contest



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The vast majority of entries received were for the Best Existing Character category. Left: "Snake" Plisskin from John Carpenter's *Escape From New York*, by Fred Jeska. Above: Bad Mister Frosty from Super Nintendo's *Clay Fighter*, by Daniel J. Miller. Below: An ambitious *seaQuest* Bridge playset, built from scratch by Davy Holmberg.



Runner-Ups and Honorable Mentions



Above: Last year's winner Scott Metzger submitted another original concept: *The Living Legends*, featuring "Abominable Snowmen" and other legendary creatures as heroes. The figures have action features triggered by air pressure and suction. Scott's submission also included an excellent description of possible line extension. Two of the mutant villains from the line are shown above.

Right: Matt Pak takes *Trek* Turtles to their next logical (?) step: *Star Truck Stop: Deep Dish Pizza Parlor Nine*.



We have yet to see anything but first-class work from Charlee E. Flatt. The judges report that once again his entries came very close to winning Best Existing Character.



Space prohibits us from showing you all of Charlee's great super hero-based submissions, but watch for a feature on his work in an upcoming issue of *AFD*.

Variation Hunter

Playmates is becoming a major source of variations with their non-standardized figures and accessories. We've seen this before in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. The *Skeleton Warriors* line is no exception.

Skeleton Warriors

All *Skeleton Warriors* figures come with a Lightstar Crystal Fragment. On the *Skeleton Legion* figures the crystals have been appearing in different colors. Those known so far are:

Baron Dark - blue, purple, orange, and yellow
Shriek - blue, red, and purple
Aracula - yellow and orange
Dr. Cyborn - blue, purple, and green
Dagger - purple and yellow

Numerous weapon variations have also been found on the three *Legion of Light* figures. Lightstar's Spring-fired *Skeleton Polarizer* has been seen in two colors, 1) silver and black, 2) gray and black, and his *ChrysBlade Knife* has been seen in silver and gold. *Ursak's Spring-Powered Polarized Rifle* has been seen in two colors, 1) silver and black, 2) gray and black, and his *Bone Buster Axe* has been seen in silver and in gold. All three characters have been found with red or green missiles.

The Shadow

Ambush Shadow's card has a drawing of the Shadow in a circle. The first release has the Shadow completely clear. The second release has the Shadow clear except for his cape, which is black.

DC Super Heroes

Last month I requested some information on the U.K. variation of the Aquaman figure, and several people responded. The U.K. Aquaman is different from the U.S. version: the arms are green instead of orange. It should be noted that U.K. versions have a small sticker from MBC LTD on the back.

Spawn

The very first production run of *Spawn*, *Medieval Spawn*, and *Violator* had plastic "J" hook hangers riveted to the clamshell. Later runs have the hook molded directly into the clamshell.

Violator has been seen with and without a *Spawn* trading card. The other five figures have only been seen without trading cards.

Star Trek

The first 10,000 *Starfleet officers Collectors Sets* have been numbered; the rest are not. This set is a Toys "Я" Us exclusive.

X-Men

Rogue - Many collectors were surprised when they saw the long-awaited Rogue figure. The original version of the figure had dark brown rings around the eyes, giving it a horrific appearance. This initial version was quickly followed by a toned-down version with much lighter eye rings.

Kay Bee Toys has two exclusive "X-Men Special Metallic Edition" packs. The first set includes Silver Samurai and a variation Robot Wolverine. The Wolverine is identical to the single-packaged one, except for his pants. The single-packaged one is brown, the Kay Bee one is gold. The second set includes the long-awaited Maverick figure, which is a Kay Bee exclusive and a variation Trevor Fitzroy. The Trevor Fitzroy is identical to the single-packaged one, except the yellow running down the center of the figure is gold in the Kay Bee version. Both packages include a variation "Steel Mutants" figure. Wolverine is included with Maverick and Trevor Fitzroy. Cyclops is included with Silver Samurai and Robot Wolverine. The yellow paint on both figures has been replaced by gold paint.

X-Force

F.A.O. Schwartz is offering an exclusive, limited-edition *X-Force Four-Pack* including Deadpool, 1st Edition Cable, Forge and Trevor Fitzroy. Trevor Fitzroy is the only variation, with a purple costume instead of his original blue. The set retails for \$26. If you order the set by mail, you won't get packaging for the figures...they come in baggies.

See page 20 for photos of the Maverick 3-pack and the variation Trevor Fitzroy.

G.I. Joe: Star Brigade

Both of the *Star Brigade Power Fighters* have paint variations. The Joe team figure *Gears* comes with two color variations, 1) a blue and silver uniform, with a green and silver helmet, 2) a blue and green uniform with a blue and green helmet. The *Cobra Power Fighter* vehicle comes with two paint variations, 1) black with a white streak, 2) black with silvery-blue streaks.

Know of any variations? Seen and new ones? Did I miss something? Write to Variation Hunter, c/o Tomart's Action Figure Digest, 3300 Encrete Lane, Dayton, OH 45439-1944.

Variation Watch

Watch for possible revisions of these items...

Legends of Batman

Future Batman - Packaging for this figure shows the Batman emblem on the front of the wing unit. The wing unit for the actual figure does not have the Batman emblem. The emblem was probably dropped from the prototype to cut costs, but it may be worth watching for.

X-Men

Black Tom, Maverick, Mojo, Senyaka, and a repainted *Weapon X* are only available at certain toy outlets. Plus, exclusive variations of *Weapon X*, *Spy Wolverine*, *Trevor Fitzroy*, and *Robot Wolverine* are already being sold. Watch for exclusive variations of other figures...other retailers may want their own.

Variation Hunters

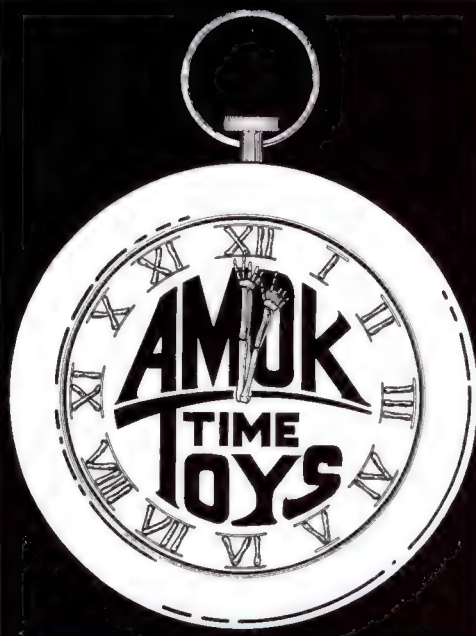
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Weapon color variations for Skeleton Warriors





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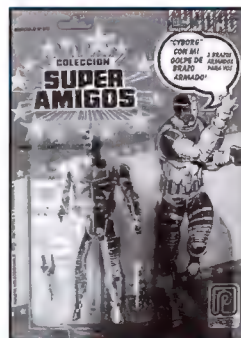
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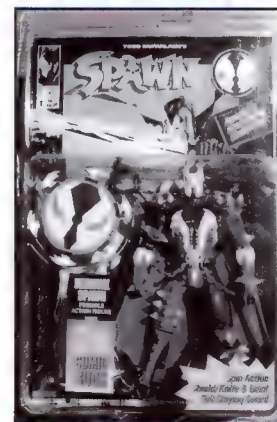
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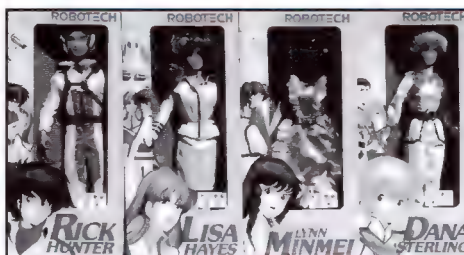
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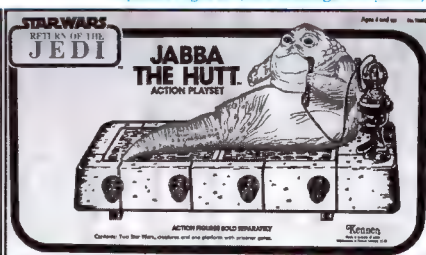
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Thunderbirds 5-pack (Bandai Japan).

I apologise to any of you who purchased this issue solely on the grounds of the big Japanese section I promised last issue. I am awaiting some of the nicest-looking figures I have seen in a long time, and would rather be able to show you them properly. I promise it will be worth the delay.

To ease you through the lean times until then I'll show you some attractive *Thunderbirds* figures from Bandai Japan. All five of the Tracy brothers are included, in their correct uniforms and coloured sashes and in the correct order for their vehicles (Thunderbirds 1-5). As usual, the articulation is a little lacking, but the overall appearance is great. As far as I am aware, these are Japanese-only.

New releases this issue include the new UK *Gladiators* Hunter, Trojan, Panther and Zodiac. The new large Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle from Vivid Imaginations has also arrived. While it is not exactly to scale, it has enough gimmicks to please the kids: sliding-out, rear-facing driver's chairs, firing missile, and the like.

Another release from Vivid Imaginations is not precisely an action figure set, but if we foreigners have to put up with *Elvis* dolls from the US, then I suppose these should get mentioned in return. *Take That* is the British equivalent of New Kids on the Block, teeny-bopper pretty-boy pop idols that every girl under the age of sixteen (and a disturbingly large number of older ladies) has the serious hots for. The dolls look a lot like the members of the group, whose names I would list if I could tell them apart.

From the good and the bad to the ugly: tasteless curio of the month has to be this Freddie Kreuger figure I found in

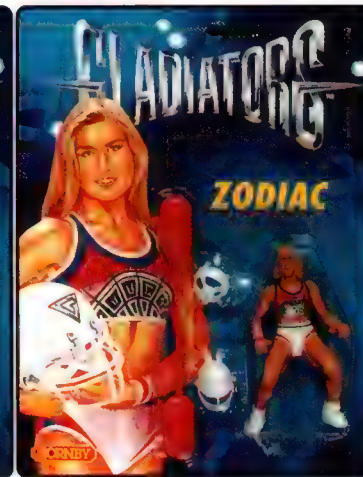


New releases from Vivid Imaginations: Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle from Captain Scarlet, *Take That* dolls.



one of those odd little "Here today, gone tomorrow" stores. The name Freddie Kreuger is singularly missing from the packaging, but how many scar-faced, knife-lined glove-wielding, red-and-white-striped sweater-wearing monsters do you know? There are six in the range: Freddie, a Mummy, a scar-faced thingie (Presumably a temp from Igors "Я" Us), Wolfman, Frankenstein and a vampire wearing a polychrome DJ.

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New additions to the UK *Gladiators* line.



Argos-exclusive Micro Machines truck packaged with Star Wars Death Star playsets (truck shown actual size).

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Two special promotions are of particular interest. Argos, one of major UK catalogue stores, has made an unusual addition to the *Star Wars* Micro Machines Death Star playset. Whilst the packaging and everything is identical to the norm, inside the box you will find three extra vehicles: the Millennium Falcon, an Imperial Star Destroyer, and a special Micro Machines delivery van emblazoned with the Argos logo. I'm sure their commitment to customer service is highly commendable, but I find it hard to believe that "A galaxy far, far away" is within their home-delivery radius!

Kenner is releasing a six-piece, pop-up Space Base to boost sales of *Aliens* figures. Modular cardboard sections of the Base are taped to the backs of random figures sold in Toys "Я" Us and Woolworths stores only. Amongst other things, individual sections feature Face Hugger containment tubes, an Alien Queen, and the three-mouthed Alien I have mentioned before. The last of these doesn't appear anywhere other than advertising shots and the *Aliens* plaster-cast mould set.



Specially-tagged UK *Aliens* figures include one of six sections of a pop-up cardboard Space Base (see below). Figures with base sections are available only at UK Woolworths and Toys "Я" Us stores.

Kenner UK also informs me that *Aliens* Space Marines Vasquez, Hudson and O'Malley will be available in the UK. I haven't seen them yet, but I'll keep looking.

In a chain of discount "Pile 'em high and clear 'em out dirt cheap" stores, I came across these Chinese *GI Joes*. Available were Flint, Cobra Commander, Destro and Major Bludd. If any others show up, I'll try and feature them. They seem to be a mix of the old and the new. Flint is in Tiger Force gear, but the Cobra Commander is an early





one. Thanks are due to my brother Simon, for noticing these in the first place.

With almost unprecedented speed, *Skeleton Warriors* have arrived in the UK just in time for Christmas, courtesy of Ideal, who handles nearly all distribution for Playmates in this country (with the exception of *Star Trek*, which Bandai looks after). The magnificently grotesque and utterly cool bad guys are hitting the shelves at the "bargain" price of £10.00 *each*! That translates at about \$15.50. How successful the line will be at these prices is anyone's guess, but I don't think it bodes well for them.

Next month: lots more Japanese stuff (I promise), *Blue SWAT*, *DragonQuest*, *Sailor Moon* and more. Plus a trip back through the ages (Well, the early- to mid-Seventies at least) to visit the world of Cyborg, Muton and Android. Who are they, you ask? Just wait and see! Plus all that is new, exciting, and pre-Toy Fair.

Appropriate Seasons Greetings to you all, be it Christmas, Hanukkah or whatever else is going on with you and yours around the end of December.

Until next time, have fun and take care.

—BD



Aliens pop-up Space Base

Image In Action



Todd Toys will be expanding the *Spawn* line and adding figures from *Youngblood*. The company hopes to have these figures ready for spring or summer release. (See page 17 for additional *Spawn* items).

At left: Malebogia will stand 15½ inches when fully erect. According to

advance releases, the figure barely fits in the blister pack. Center: Six-inch Badrock will feature two shoulder projectile missiles concealed under flip-up shoulder pads. Right: Chapel will include an "action sword" and a shoulder pack with pop-out guns.

Playmates will produce figures based on the Image Comic *WILDC.A.T.S.* Figures are scheduled for release in December/January.



The Grifter

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Star Trek: Generations Micro Machines sets will be coming soon from Galoob. The first five **Power Rangers** sets have been seen at Target. *Babylon 5* sets are also coming.

New Aliens Sparse again this year. Collectors love the *Aliens* line, but it's tough to maintain excitement with so few new figures. The first assortments were way overweighed in favor of space marines to creatures. Line managers and retailers over-reacted by totally eliminating space marine figures. This left no figures to go with vehicles. And kids are smart. While in Toys "Я" Us, Tomart overheard a mother suggesting the purchase of a Power Loader to her 8-year-old son. The kid responded, "No, mom. You can't get the people to drive those anymore." Meijer's is now dumping the Power Loader and Hovetread for \$4.49 and the Evac Fighter for \$6.49. Only the Panther, Killer Crab, Alien vs. Predator, and repainted Panther called the Night Cougar have appeared. Still no sign of the King Alien, Arachnid, or sonic figures, which some rumors report may be as late as January. Last year, new introductions were also thin, and Kenner had to resort to a "buy one and get one free" deal to salvage the line. The British solution seems to be better. See pages 50-51 for the sensational "pop-up" Space Base offered with *Aliens* figures in England to spur sales. The line for next year has been touted as "really great." Hopefully, retailers will give them a chance.

Gargoyles: The Scottish Batmen. Chernabog unfolding his wings in the "Night on Bald Mountain" sequence is one of the most memorable scenes in Walt Disney's *Fantasia*. Now Disney has fashioned an intriguing story and new group characters patterned after the image of Chernabog. These stone creations come from a Scottish castle transplanted to the top of a New York penthouse. They come alive each night to protect the streets below from crime and violence. No matter how evil-looking, these are the good guys...nine of them anyway. There are five villains as well. AFD has seen the figures and they are terrific. Goliath, the Gargoyle leader, is seen on page 2. Hopefully, mothers fearing exposure to devil-worship won't resist these figures as they have the devil-like Sauron from Toy Biz and Kenner's own Man-Bat. After all, they are Disney!

Action Masters Test Market Report. Action Masters die-cast figures went into test-marketing cities — Cincinnati and Indianapolis — in mid-October. The first three days only the *Star Wars* six-pack and five individually carded figures were for sale. They were soon joined by individually carded *Batman*, *Aliens*, *Terminator*, and *Predator* figures. Four-packs from *Star Wars* and *Aliens* were inserted into the test the third weekend, and a really dorky-looking *Superman* set is yet to come. Tomart conducted a mini-test of our own by taking about 200 pieces to the Antique Toy World Toy Show near Chicago, where toy collectors saw them for the first time. Response was moderate and it took the full two days to unload the available supply. These figures, formerly called "Movie Masters", have puzzle bases to link-up and create a scene. *Star Wars* are the best sellers with *Aliens* the clear leader over the rest of the offerings. Non-*Star Wars* are probably going to sell about the same rate as any other kind of die-cast figure. Release of the 4-packs was probably the biggest boost during the test as sales definitely increased after this point. See page 33 for *Star Wars* and page 23 for other early releases. These should start showing up on shelves nationwide around the first of the year.

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Robotech is Back. Playmates is folding *Robotech* fighting machines into their *Exosquad* line for release in late January. A battle of the Mechs is likely as these go head to head with TYCO's upcoming *Battletech* line.

Win Great Prizes in Tomart's Figure of the Year Voting. This year's prizes are the best we've ever been able to offer, including a *Godzilla* prototype, a missile-firing Boba Fett conversion from *The Earth*, autographed and numbered action figures under 100, and subscriptions to *AFD*. See pages 14-15 for details on voting and how you can win.

Spawn Surprises Toy Pros. *Spawn* was not without pessimists at Toy Fair. It was obviously a last-minute presentation using models and cardboard renderings to represent final product to be delivered in time for Christmas sales. Tomart has or has seen all the figures and the *Spawn Alley* playset. We have reports the *Spawnmobile* is out, leaving only the *Violator Monster Rig* to surface. All products have been very successful...the out-of-stock situation is not due to Todd Toys, but retailers' order sizes.

Looks Like a Record Year for toys in general and action figures in particular. Toy stores and departments began to jam up before Halloween and continue to be the heaviest seen in years. Every category should gain with the possible exception of pre-school...which is dealing with lower birth rates.

Power Rangers will undoubtedly pace all other action figures, but Toy Biz, Kenner, and Playmates should also do well with assorted lines. Hasbro sold its 30th Anniversary *G.I. Joe* line clean and *Transformers* remain steady. The jury is still out on *Stargate*, which didn't get much help from the film.

RoboCop — The Series should help Toy Island establish itself as a broader-line action figure company. The vehicles are moving as well as the figures in *AFD* country. Madigan and Commander Cash did not appear in early shipments, but are now included in every figure assortment.

Mattel Working to Re-Ignite Spark. *Masters of the Universe* creators have been reunited at Mattel to get Boy's Action Figures rolling again. They sure seem happy about something, but as usual, Mattel is not talking. Maybe next issue.

More Lion King Figures. There will be additional *Lion King* figures tied to Disney's release of the home video in March.

Latest releases: *Spider-Man* Pocket Comics action playsets and *TMNT* Kowabunga Crackin' Turtle Eggs led mid-month ads at K-mart; 12" *Guile Street Fighter Movie* figure; and all the small variations of the *Maximum Carnage* promotional packages (the single-figure card seems to be the hardest to find).

Next Issue: It's *AFD*'s annual Pre-Toy Fair issue, full of last-minute announcements, rumors, and a flood of January releases. Our second regular *Star Wars* Update details the next figure releases, figure card back variations, detailed price breakdowns, new *Star Wars* products, prototypes and other surprises.

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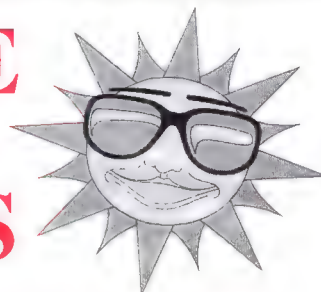
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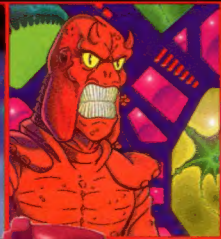
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